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Reference: Underground Electric Power Lines

I am writing this letter to you in response to the article in the *The News and Advance* on Tuesday, August 10, 2004 concerning the possibly of installing the electric power lines underground.

I live in the Gladys/Brookneal/Naruna area of Campbell County and Southside Electric Cooperative in Crewe, VA supplies my power, my substation is in the Sugar Hill community. To my knowledge the lines that come from the Sugar Hill substation are possibly over 45 years old, I got this information from the linemen when in September of 2003 Hurricane Isabelle knocked out power. The linemen worked night and day for eight days before our power was restored. This was after the lights came on and off at least a minimum of four times in one day. They would repair one trouble stop and the surge of electricity would burn or knock our another section of wire.

Because of the location of where I live, anytime that the power goes out our neighborhood is always the last to get power restored.

I for one would love to see the power lines put in the ground, the telephone lines are underground and that was a wonderful thing. The telephones seem to work must better and we paid for a surcharge on our telephone bills for many years to cover some of the expense. I would not think that customers would object to paying some type of surcharge to help pay for the cost of such a project.

I hope that this letter can convince you to vote for underground electric wiring.

Thank you for your time in reading and considering a vote for the rural community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Seamster". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sue Seamster